

Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace the prior version, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A ~~novel, economically viable~~ method for ~~obtaining preparing~~ a composition containing 70% to 95% of C₂₄-C₃₆ alkanols ~~along with small percentage of other fatty alcohol~~ from sugarcane wax, beeswax, or rice bran, comprising the steps of:

(a) by liquid carbon dioxide extraction; and

(b) further purification selective enrichment by enzyme hydrolysis.

Claim 2 (currently amended): ~~The claim in 1 contains selectively~~ A policosanol composition containing 75% to 90% of C₂₈ alkanol[[s]] also known as 1-octacosanol with and 5%[[-]] to 15% of other fatty alcohol especially C₂₄-C₃₆ particularly a mixture of other C₂₄-C₃₆ alkanols comprising 1-[[T]]tetracosanol, 1-[[H]]hexacosanol, 1-[[H]]heptacosanol, 1-[[T]]triacontanol, and 1-[[T]]tetratriacontanol collectively known as Policosanol obtained by the method of claim 1.

Claim 3 (currently amended): ~~The method said enzymatic process in of claim in 1 uses immobilized wherein said hydrolyzing enzyme[[,]] preferably cellulase, is immobilized lipase. or mixture and more preferably lipase in concentrations of 0.1-10%w/w which is added to the entrainer or co-solvent.~~

Claims 4 -14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (new): A method of treating acne and/or abnormal sebum secretion in a human, comprising applying an effective amount of the alkanols composition of claim 1 dispersed in a cosmetically acceptable vehicle to the affected area of the skin or scalp.

Claim 16 (new) A method of treating dry skin, scalp or nail conditions in a human, comprising applying an effective amount of the alkanols composition of claim 1 dispersed in a cosmetically acceptable vehicle to the affected area of the skin, scalp or nails.